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Weekly Whirligig

By K. W.

Race and Science . . . "What has race to do with science? We are interested only in truth!" Such is Edward G. Robinson's caustic comment in the role of Dr. Ehrlich in the film "Dr. Ehrlich's Magic Bullet." The famous "microbe-hunter," discoverer of the arsenical compound "606," used in combatting syphilitic infection, has no patience with a government committee, which finds it un-German for an Oriental to be employed at a government research institute in Berlin.

The Oriental in question, is Dr. Hata, famous as a bacteriologist in his own right, especially for his work upon the mechanism of immunity. In the film itself, however, he appears as little more than a devoted laboratory technician.

In real life, Dr. Hata is Wilfred Horiuchi, graduate of U.C.L.A., one of the two Nisei in the film industry. Look for this picture in "Life Magazine."

Bacteriological research has been a particularly brilliant field for Japanese scientists. Apart from the world-famous Dr. Noguchi, who sacrificed his life by infecting himself with yellow fever, at least thirty others have made some outstanding contribution. It seems to be an art not wholly lost among the Nisei themselves, and we may yet see a world-famous "microbe-hunter" from our own community.

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Body and Mind . . . The number of Nisei who take any interest in affairs of the intellect is exceedingly small. True, the proportion of any group that does is small, but in the case of the Nisei, it is disproportionately so.

A theory has been advanced to account for it. Does the average Nisei expend so much of his nervous energy as a youth in athletics and social affairs, that the drain of nervous energy leaves him incapable of paying serious attention to the development of his intellect? Remember the comic strip artist of a few years back, "Heezal Musselbound?" Perhaps he represents the average Nisei.

Athletics are vitally necessary to young men, and to young women, too. There is a long period when the development of the body is the most important essential of growth. The pity of it seems to be that so much time and energy actually are devoted to that development, that no further growth is possible. Hence, today, the evident lack of young men mature in outlook and trained in mind, who should be assuming the role of Nisei leadership.

There is an old saying concerning the battles of the British Empire being fought on the playing fields of Rugby. But it doesn't signify military battles as much as it does the struggle for political leadership. The Nisei have a long way to go to realize the old Roman maxim, "Mens sana in corpore sano."

C.J.A. To Conduct Research Into Economic Status

With the difficulties facing the second generation in finding jobs and occupations which hold some promise of adequate returns and economic security becoming more and more apparent each year, the Canadian Japanese Association, at its executive meeting, March 11, organized special committees in the first step in conscious efforts to meet the situation.

Introduced by the president, Eikichi Kagetsu, after study by a committee of five, the plan calls for two committees to study, first, occupational possibilities in various fields for the Nisei, and second, to enquire into the entire question of the economic status of Japanese Canadians.

Chairman of the research division is S. Shimada, vice-chairman, S. Sasaki, and members include K. Okura, H. Kawano, N. Yamaoka, S. Yano and K. Yagi.

The second committee will be headed by K. Momose, assisted by M. Yanagisawa. Acting on the committee are M. Koda, S. Kudo, Z. Kinoshita, E. Ouchi and R. Anzai.

Remaining members of the Board of Directors of the Association will act upon the social welfare committee, in carrying out the community work of the organization. Chairman is E. Morii, and vice-chairmen, T. Ide and K. Nishihara.

C.J.A. PRESIDENT

Courtesy Columbia Studio. Well-known lumber magnate and president of the Canadian Japanese Association, Eikichi Kagetsu, above, hopes that his studies carried out by the Association's committees will lead to some form of solution of many Nisei problems.

Y.P. Easter Issue

Next week's issue of The New Canadian will be the Easter Issue. Appropriately enough, the Young People's Society of the Powell United Chuch will take advantage of the occasion to try their hand at Nisei journalism. Editor-in-chief, Elji Yatabe, promises one of the most interesting editions of the paper ever published. Look for it!

Red Cross Society:

Three Activity Groups Formed As Nisei Unit Organizes For Work

A significant step was taken in the war activities of the Japanese community when fifty Nisei women gave their enthusiastic support to the formation of the Japanese Canadian Unit of the Red Cross Society at its first general meeting held at the Nippon Club last Sunday afternoon, March 10. Elected president by acclamation was Mrs. E. Kitagawa whose keen interest in the war work of Canadian women was one of the inspirational factors in the formation of the first Nisei Unit.

The actual work of the Unit will be initiated at the second meeting to be held at the same place at 3 p.m. this coming Sunday, March 17, when Mrs. Hazelwood, head organizer of the Vancouver branch of the Red Cross Society, will explain the technical phase of the work.

Supplies of materials have already been obtained from the Red Cross headquarters in the city, and will be distributed at the next meeting, so that work may be begun immediately.

Helping the president in guiding the activities of the organization will be Margaret Hayashi, recording secretary, and Miyo Okamura who will fill the difficult position of shipper. Besides keeping the books, the shipper, through whose hands must pass all materials going in and out, will be chief distributor and collector of supplies.

Activity Groups

Owing to the large attendance, the Unit was divided into three activity groups: "Sewing," "Knitting," and "Bandages," which in turn may be divided into still smaller groups for the convenience of meeting in private homes.

The work of the Red Cross is not merely "another society fad." It is a great humanitarian work needing the support of every woman who can sew or knit a stitch. A special call is given to all Nisei women to rally to the support of the Japanese Canadian Unit.

J.C.C.L. Calls Nisei Congress Delegates Meet

The National Executive of the JCCL will again sponsor caucus meetings of all Nisei delegates, unattached to any other caucus, at the Second Annual B.C. Provincial Youth Congress, to be held March 22-24, at the Vancouver Normal School. All the material discussed at the Congress sessions, and especially those of particular concern will be considered at these caucus meetings. The first gathering will be held this Sunday, March 17th, at the Nippon Club, from 7:00 p.m.

This decision was reached at Tuesday night's meeting of the executive, in response to requests from several Nisei clubs, whose delegates are unfamiliar with the congress procedure.

In announcing the meeting, League Secretary Edward T. Ouchi laid stress upon the advantages to be gained through participation in the congress, especially the educational aspects. Every coherent Nisei youth congress in the province is invited to send delegates to the first caucus meeting.

On The Newsfront

Buddhist Teachers Hold Annual Meet

MAPLE RIDGE.—Over a hundred members of the Canada Buddhist Sunday School Teachers Federation will assemble in the Buddhist Church here to hold their annual general meeting, March 17 at 2 p.m. Teachers are expected from all over the province and from Alberta.

Local Consul to Attend Washington Conference

The Japanese consul in Vancouver, Kenji Nakauchi, will leave shortly for a consular conference in Washington, D.C., called by the U.S. ambassador, Kensuke Horinouchi.

The conference is to be held at the Japanese Embassy March 20-22, and Baron Shu Tomii, minister at Ottawa will also attend.

Saturday, March 16, Mr. Nakauchi was host at a dinner to members of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Japanese Association.

Nisei Addresses U.B.C. Psychology Club

The Psychology Club of the University of B.C. meets Friday at a Chinese supper meeting. Speaker will be Kunito Shoyama, New Canadian editor, who will address the club on "Race Conflict in B.C."

Sacramento Nisei Hangs Self

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Despondent because his doctor told him he was suffering from an incurable case of tuberculosis, Yoshio Nagakawa, 24-year-old Nisei, hanged himself here last week. He wrote a farewell note, in which he willed his name to a friend in Japan.

Issei Vagrants Create Problem

LOS ANGELES.—A serious situation has been brought to light here by a Nisei attorney, Tom Okawara, in a series of reports showing the pitiful condition of a large number of indigent and homeless first generation men, who are continually facing jail terms on vagrancy charges.

Chinese Central Government Progressing

NANKING.—Prospects for the establishment of the long-awaited central Chinese Government under former premier Wang Ching-wei, pro-Japanese leader, brightened this week. The new government, it was reported, would be functioning by the end of March.

Still Going Up:

Gardeners Boost War Donations

With new contributions from all over the province and as far east as Regina pouring in, the total amount donated by Japanese Canadian communities, clubs and organizations, towards the prosecution of Canada's war effort continues to mount upward week by week, until today it stands at over $3,600.

Tuesday, March 12, the Canadian Japanese Gardeners Union of Vancouver donated the sum $180, as a "humble but sincere means of expressing our loyalty and gratitude to the land of our adoption, Canada, at the time of her supreme struggle for democracy and all that it stands for."

The cheque was delivered to Mayor Lyle E. Telford at the City Hall, by J. I. Wada, president and S. A. Kamino, secretary, of the union.

A check up of the records reveal that since the first donation of $100 was made by an unidentified Japanese resident of the Okanagan, $3,601.05 has been voluntarily contributed to assist the nation in her war needs.

Since Feb. 8, when the total had reached $2,697.55, the following contributions have been brought to notice:

Britannia Japanese Ass'n.	$138.00
Chemainus	185.00
Ucluelet Japanese Fishermen's Ass'n.	150.00
Fraser Mills	92.66
Strawberry Hill	43.50
Delta	34.00
Regina	80.50
Vancouver Japanese Gardeners' Association	180.00

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Nisei And The Red Cross

Since the outbreak of the war Japanese Canadian women have been actively working hand in hand with other Canadian women for the Red Cross. Now in Vancouver the first Japanese Canadian unit has been organized, and the work of the Society in our own community will be greatly increased in scope and efficiency.

The leaders of the movement are to be congratulated for their initiative and courage in launching this important venture. In these times, when Canada is striving to her utmost to combat the forces that threaten our freedom and democracy, no more effective or encouraging gesture of support and co-operation could they have chosen.

The work of the Red Cross unit is indeed a thankless one. The sacrifice of time, money, and effort will go on, unnoticed by the casual eye. But in that sacrifice lies the spirit of Nisei devotion and faith.

A salute to all the Nisei women who will give so freely to help in this great humanitarian cause.

Whither Mars?

The courageous Republic of Finland has at last been brought to terms of peace by the Soviet Union, and Russian foreign policy under the sickle and hammer proves itself no less imperialistic than under the golden eagle. First in Poland and now in Finland, Russia has pushed her boundaries westward, almost to the furthermost limits ever attained by the czars. The Finnish People's Republic turns out to have been nothing but a figment of Soviet propaganda.

With the cessation of hostilities, the eyes of the world again turn to the western front in France, the sea war between U-boats and the British Navy, and the ever-present threat of the "blitzkrieg" against Great Britain.

Affairs in Asia, too, take a new turn, for with the accomplishment of Russian aims in the west, what of the east and south? There, just as a "window on the Baltic" had been the objective of Russian foreign policy from the beginning of imperialist expansion, windows on the Indian Sea and the China Sea have always beckoned. And with Britain occupied at home, with Germany, whether at home or in the Balkans, the lone check to the Soviet is Japan, now hastily rushing plans for the establishment of a central Chinese Government, free from Russian influence. To this government, Japan pledges the renunciation of her extra-territorial rights as a guarantee of good faith.

The situation in the Far East indicates clearly the deep-seated mutuality of interest between Japan and Great Britain, despite the conflict of minor economic and political interests in China itself.

From this distance, it is impossible to assess just what effect the turn of events will have upon the Allied cause. But this much is certain—the election in Canada cannot be brought to a close too early, in order that the people of Canada may again be able to give their undivided attention to the grave problems threatening the existence of the Empire.

INOCHI NO TOBIRA

Haru no iki no yawarakani
Kakaru toki
Inochi no tobira
Onozukara aku.
—Miyamori's Anthology.

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THE DOORS OF LIFE

Comes, with most tender touch, to me
The breath of Spring—
Then, of themselves, the doors of Life
Wide open swing.

EASTER LILIES

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There was no need to tell Tomiko that Easter was approaching. The stores everywhere were filled with feminine fineries; candy counters were displaying huge multi-colored baskets of eggs; majestic lilies were swaying at frequent intervals, wafting rare fragrance through the air.

New clothes and smart accessories would be nice, she thought. And to herself she pictured how all the girls would be displaying their Easter ensembles at church, while she . . .

Well, there was no use thinking about it. Tomiko's budget just couldn't stand it and that was that.

Sadly, she thought pensively, as the street car rumbled on. Well, she would have to wear again this Easter the same black woollen dress; a bit frayed perhaps, but it could be livened up with a new white linen collar.

Tomiko was tired, too. Working at the wholesale market was no bed of roses.

Suddenly the street car came to a halt. Tomiko got off and walked towards the hospital. It wasn't a pleasant mission she had. But for six months now, rain and shine, three times a week, this was her usual course.

Tomiko shuddered to think when the fatal day would come to her mother. The doctors said it was cancer and there was no hope. But every time Tomiko bravely tried to cheer her mother along, recounting old stories or remembering what her mother's friends recently told her.

Twelve dollars . . . the price of a pretty decent Easter dress . . . she left with the cashier as she did fortnightly. But that did not matter because the wan smile on her mother's face made everything worthwhile.

"Mother dear, I've brought you some lilies . . . the kind you like so much," said Tomiko gaily.

Her mother was overcome with joy but turned to hide her tears. Life was ebbing, to be sure, but she couldn't tell Tomiko. How proud she was inwardly that she had such a gallant and loving daughter, who sacrificed all, even marriage, so that she could care for her.

"Here, Tomichan, my child," the mother whispered at length, "take these lilies to father . . . they were his favorites, too, you know."

As the heavy door closed behind her, the sun was streaming in bright splendour outside. Briskly she walked to the street car line, and twenty minutes later trudged through the Evergreen Cemetery to the humble white head-stone, and laid the white flowers over the grave . . .

Tomiko uttered a silent prayer and cast her eyes heavenward. There were white fleecy clouds above, and it was all so beautiful.

And others who passed by and saw this bright-eyed Nisei miss over her father's grave would have sworn there was a halo gleaming around her raven locks.

THE NISEI IN JAPAN

By STAFF WRITER

Every Nisei who is old enough to realize his race wonders at times about the land from whence his parents first came as pioneers to build a home for themselves and their children in a new and strange country. And every Nisei, at times, must experience at least a vague yearning to cross the ocean to gaze upon the civilization and the culture which meant so much to his parents. It is a curious desire, not born in [illegible] but imbibed through home life and family relations.

So it is that scarcely a passenger liner to Japan does not carry with it its quota of second generation, Canadian and American by birth, Japanese by race, bound for that romantic land which, legend tells us, was first formed when the gods stirred up the foam in the silvery sea with their jewelled spear.

But how many actually go, and from where, and what happens to them after their arrival? Can they adjust themselves to their new environment? Do they find fame and fortune, health and prosperity, peace and happiness? Most of us have our own private opinions formed from what we have heard from friends. And often we base our own decisions upon this hearsay evidence.

SURVEY OF NISEI

Recently published in Japan, however, are the results of a survey of Niseis in Japan, which should be of help to every Nisei who is considering making this trip. For who among us has not some close friend or relative who has taken this step?

The survey was conducted by a committee of Nisei girls from the Keisen Girls School in Tokyo, by means of questionnaires which were widely circulated among the Nisei in Japan, and supplemented by countless personal interviews. The results have been summarized under four heads, which will be reviewed in this series of articles.

California, with a Japanese population of some 100,000, it was discovered, was the birthplace of 136 or one third of the Nisei questioned. Ranking a close second was Hawaii with 125, followed by the Northwest state of Washington with 62.

Canada, with a Japanese population of 23,000 (1934 census) came next with 15, or only 4 per cent of all the Nisei covered in the survey. Other states in the American Union, as far east as New Jersey accounted for the majority of the rest. Interesting to note, however, was the fact that three of the Nisei were born in England, and one each in the Phillipines and in Singapore.

It is impossible to say what factors have entered into the determination of this proportion, other than that of numbers, and the fact that in large segregated Japanese communities the Japanese influence is probably strongest and interest in Japan keenest.

This same tendency may lie at the basis of figures showing the occupational endeavours of the parents of Nisei resident in Japan. Forty-one per cent of the parents were engaged in commercial pursuits generally carried on in the Japanese community, while an additional 15 per cent were classified as professional. Twenty-five per cent were engaged in agricultural pursuits, ranging from field labour to the management of sugar plantations in Hawaii. Parents engaged in industry were practically negligible in number.

WHY DO THEY MIGRATE

As to why the Nisei came to Japan, the same question which every Nisei faces, it was found that a desire to study was of dominant importance. Of 694 answers, 340 stated they had come to study, 86 had come with their parents, and 59 had come to make permanent homes. Surprisingly, only 56 had come with vocational possibilities in mind. Curiosity had attracted 51, and the lure of matrimony accounted for only 17.

Other reasons for coming to Japan were varied. Several came because of family obligations; one to recover from illness; one to get the so-called Japanese spirit; one to become a movie actor; and one—to be a goodwill delegate.

A final table in this section indicates that since 1922 the number of Nisei going to Japan has been rising rapidly. Especially since 1933, the low year of the depression, has this trend been marked, and 1938 marked a new high. Whether this trend will continue is a question, although today it seems to be accepted that migration to Japan offers the only escape to an impossible situation.

The Dreamer

I found your tender face
within a yellow crocus-flower;
its golden radiance flushed into a teasing smile . . .
charging me with strange delight,

Overhead, I heard your ethereal voice
when the tiny thrush upon a budding branch
fevered my pulse wildly,
with its melody.

I caught your wistful sigh
in the soothing wind;
as it murmured softly into my ear.
Then,
for a fleeting moment, I thought you were before me . . .
breathlessly close to me! (I called to you . . .)
But alas, you were only a shadow in my blissful dream.

—I am not sad nor hurt
because that labyrinth Outer space
keeps you far beyond my reach,
for I will drowse to dream . . . a dream
of you.

"ASAGAO."

Nisei Hold Diverse Views On Who Should Govern Canada

By Our Quizzing Reporter

THE QUIZ?

This week in Canada, 672 candidates filed their nomination papers in election to 245 seats in the Federal Parliament in the most important Dominion election of two decades. Whatever or whoever is elected, you, as a citizen, will be affected in some way or other. If you could go to the polls on March 26 along with your fellow citizens, for whom would you cast your vote?

THE PLACE

On Powell Street, between Gore Avenue and Dunlevy.

THE ANSWERS!

Eiji Yatabe, gardener, 2818 Yew Street—I think I would vote Liberal. The past four or five years under a Liberal administration have been all right as far as I am concerned personally. As to the war, I think Prime Minister Mackenzie King is a better leader than Dr. Manion. For one thing he has had more experience.

Fumi Ohori, singer, 641 Powell Street—I'm quite sure I wouldn't vote for the C.C.F., but as between the Liberals and Conservatives there isn't very much to choose. It really doesn't make much difference, because I don't think conditions would change very much, no matter who is elected.

Hiroshi Okuda, bookkeeper, 306 Jackson Avenue—I haven't given the matter very much thought, but I think I would vote the Conservative ticket. Their platform is for a national government, and I think a coalition government at this time is better.

Dave Shiozaki, U.B.C. student, 341 E. Hastings Street—I'd vote for the Liberal party, because I think the Liberals will maintain better international relations, especially with Japan. When the Conservatives were in power under R. B. Bennett, Canada's relations with Japan were severely strained, with resulting bad effects on us.

Miyo Ishiwata, domestic servant, 743 W. 68th Avenue—I'd vote for the C.C.F. candidate in our constituency. It seems as if most of my Occidental friends belong to the C.C.F., and they are always so cordial and friendly. They have no race prejudice at all. Besides they're anti-imperialist, and think we have many problems here at home we should solve.

Harry Naganobu, farmer, New Westminster—I don't believe in voting for any party, but rather for an individual. Parties often nominate incompetent men, and I think we should send our most efficient men to Ottawa to represent us, regardless of party. In my own riding I would eliminate the Conservative candidate, but am not decided between the Liberal, Tom Reid, and the C.C.F., Mr. Alsbury, so I would have to investigate more.

Montreal Notes Japanese Loyalty

FROM THE MONTREAL DAILY STAR.

ED. NOTE: Quoted here is an editorial from the March 8 issue of the Montreal Daily Star, leading metropolitan daily in Canada's largest city. This paper has been added to the complimentary mailing list of The New Canadian, in order that its editors may be informed that the contribution from Japanese Canadians of the West Coast of Vancouver Island has not been an isolated or unique example, but indeed has been duplicated by scores of other Japanese Canadian organizations and communities.

The little fishing village of Tofino is probably unknown to the great majority of Canadians. It is situated on the coast of Vancouver Island, and though a tiny place has its own incorporated Board of Trade and is a member of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce. To the Secretary of that body on February 24, the secretary of the Tofino Board of Trade addressed the following letter:

"Dear Mr. Secretary:—The resident Japanese of this village municipality are desirous of contributing their mojety of the Dominion's defence measures in her share and support of the Allied cause, and to that end have handed our Board the cheque which is herewith, value one hundred and fifty dollars, requesting that it be forwarded to the Department concerned in this measure.

"We believe it best to forward this donation through the head office of the Chamber of Commerce, realizing that you will know the authority to whom it should be directed for National Defence purposes."

We quote this because it seems to us that it exemplifies in a unique manner the solidarity and the unity of the Canadian people in the prosecution of the war. Canada's foreign language newspapers which number forty in all, have given substantial proof that the various nationalities whose interests they represent are a unit in support of Canada's war efforts. For a tiny Japanese community to give such practical proof of its devotion as is indicated above is probably unique in Canadian records.

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KIYOSHI SUGA

A finer example of youth, energy and ability than Kiyoshi Suga may be hard to find among the rising generation of younger Niseis. Not only is he filling the responsible position of supervisor of the Hompa Sunday School, but he was selected as one of the delegates representing the Hompa Y.M.W.B.A. to the Northwest Bussei Conference at Wapato last week-end, has been picked for one of the major roles in the coming Hiroshima Y.P.S. production, "Conscription," has starred on the Hompa's basketball team and is secretary of the Asahi baseball nine.

Nisei Miss Wins World Peace Contest

LOS ANGELES.—One of the forward steps being taken by American public schools toward a constructive world peace is the annual oratorical symposium at the Polytechnic High School here on the general subject of "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

This year the symposium dealt specifically with the topic "natural science and peace must triumph over ignorance and war," and the cup winner was Helen Haruko Matsunaga, a Nisei, or child of Japan-born parents. Other finalists were Henry Shahbaghlian, who was born in Armenia, Kay Kelley of Irish Stock, and Dick Metcalfe, who lives in a home for forty boys.

Final Symphony Concert March 17

Allard de Ridder will step onto the podium to conduct the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra's last concert of the season at the Orpheum Theatre, March 17 at 3 in the afternoon in a program featuring some notable pieces by Wagner and Tschaikowsky.

Blythe Taylor Burns, eminent Los Angeles soprano, will be guest soloist, and will present several lovely pieces of the two composers.

PROGRAM.

Symphony No. 5 in E Minor .... Tschaikowsky

(a) Adieu Forets (Jeanne d'Arc) .... Tschaikowsky

(b) Dreams .... Wagner

Soloist: Blythe Taylor Burns.

Overture to The Flying Dutchman .... Wagner

(a) Elsa's Dream (Lohengrin) .... Wagner

(b) Dich Teure Halle (Tannhauser) .... Wagner

Blythe Taylor Burns

Prelude to The Meistersinger .... Wagner

At The Northwest Bussei Confab:

Busseis Stress Loyal Citizenship

Endorse Support for JACL Movement

By Kiyoshi Suga

Meeting in an atmosphere of friendliness and informality, Bussei delegates from Oakland, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Wapato, White River, Yakima and Hompa Y.M.W.B.A. Vancouver, B. C. staged a memorable Ninth Annual Pacific Northwest Buddhist Young People's Conference at Wapato and Yakima last week end, March 9-10.

Right from the opening flag-raising ceremony to the parting minutes following the Sayonara Banquet, the convention held no idle moments.

PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Problems of interest were thrashed out in three panel discussions: (1) Nisei Problems; (2) Convention and its Problems; and (3) How Can the Nisei Maintain the Church?

Highlights of the discussion in the first groups were: Isseis should encourage Nisei to obtain higher education, Niseis, college graduates or otherwise, should stay in this country instead of returning to Japan. It is up to them to serve the land of their birth, become loyal citizens and work for the betterment of the fourth and fifth generation.

The inferiority complex of the Nisei was believed to be due to the over-emphasis of the fact that they are being discriminated against.

One resolution unanimously adopted declared that "Whereas the J.A.C.L. movement is vital to all Niseis, the Northwest Young Buddhist League go on record as lending its fullest support to the movement."

The second discussion group dealt with the problems facing the holding of conventions due to increasing attendance and the resultant financial strain. Various solutions and recommendations were put forward.

In the third session it was felt that psychological changes had to be made by the Busseis to best maintain the church. Difficulty in understanding the religion was due to language handicap and the lack of real interest.

Among the activities suggested for various chapter work were fireside and discussion groups with other chapters and Christian Young People's Societies, more systematic membership drives, the formation of chapter libraries and the holding of socials.

At the Saturday evening banquet, Harry Kondo spoke a few words on behalf of the Vancouver delegation and introduced co-delegates, Kazuko Kagawa, Tomio Sakamoto and Kiyoshi Suga.

Other items of interest were the English and Japanese Oratorical Contests, the performance of the Seattle Lotus Girls' Choir, Convention Ball at the Yakima State Fairgrounds Ballroom and the Bussei Hana Matsuri.

B. C. to Benefit From Boost In Pulp Prices

Pulp and paper mills in B.C. are expected to benefit to some extent from the recent increases in the price of bleached, unbleached and rayon pulp.

At the beginning of the year, the price of bleached pulp rose from $50 to $60 a ton and of bleached pulp from $40 to $50. From the second quarter there will be a $1.50 increase in bleached pulp and $5 in rayon.

The B. C. Pulp and Paper Company plants at Port Alice and Woodfibre, where numerous Japanese Canadians are employed, are not expected to benefit immediately from the rise in prices as some old contracts have still to run.

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Symbol of Friendship

A.O.T.S. Receives "Travelling Gavel"

In a cozy and [illegible] atmosphere, the [illegible], unique symbol of friendship and fellowship, was presented to the Powell branch of the A.O.T.S. by the visiting Grandview group last Tuesday evening at the close of a joint meeting of the two societies held in the night school room of the Powell United Church.

The presentation made by Mr. Watson Bradbury, president of the Grandview A.O.T.S., to Mr. Toraryu Shimotakahara, president of the host society before a gathering of some seventy people, climaxed a highly successful evening that included a banquet prepared by the members of the Powell Fujinkai, sing-songs, and movies.

Main speaker, Mr. V. G. Hillman of the Vancouver Daily Province, gave an informative account of the workings of the metropolitan newspaper. Mr. Hillman who is assistant circulation manager of Vancouver's leading daily pointed proudly to the fact that the Province has played no small part in the training of boy carriers so that they are able to step into more important positions in later life.

A motion picture, "Behind the Headlines," served as an excellent illustration of Mr. Hillman's graphic account of the newspaper business.

Hiroshima Thespians Set For Big Night Before Footlights

There's feverish activity in one of the small back rooms in the old Japanese school building. The reason? There are only a few days left before the curtain is due to rise on one of the most ambitious productions of the Koryo (Hiroshima) Seinenkai.

And the news has leaked out that those who won't be at the Japanese Hall, March 16, Saturday evening, are going to miss the treat of a lifetime.

Experts are in charge of those invisible yet important details of stage production that make all the difference in the world between a hit and a miss. Mr. S. Doi, a veteran actor himself, is directing, Mr. Abe is taking care of the scenery, Mr. Yamashita the lighting, Matt Matsui, the sound effects, Mr. Okumoto the make-up and Mrs. Nishimoto the musical accompaniment.

In addition, all club members are going to do their share. George Shishido will be making the opening speech. Arrangements have been made to have members present several vocal, instrumental and dance numbers before the curtain goes up on the play. And need we mention the faithful stage-hands, usherettes and ticket-collectors?

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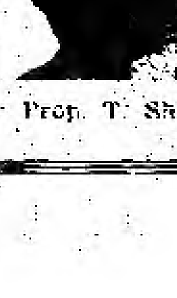
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Fortune Gallo has engaged the exotic and glamorous prima donna to sing "Carmen" exclusively this season. Her characterization of Bizet's gypsy is a woman beautifully human and touchingly brave, even though, without doubt, shamelessly elemental in her preferences.

Mail orders are now being received addressed to the Strand Theatre at the popular prices of 50c, $1.50 and $1.60.

Momose Elected Student Club Prexy

With the election of Charles Kiyoshi Momose to succeed Wesley Fujiwara as president for the coming academic year, the Japanese Students Club of U.B.C. closed their year's activities with a final business meeting held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. K. Shimo-Takahara on Saturday, March 9.

After the reports of the High School Oratorical Contest and the Inter-Collegiate Advance, plans for the forthcoming annual Youth Congress were thoroughly discussed.

Elected to support the president were: Kay Kato, vice-president; Tetsuo Aoki, treasurer; Katherine Shimo-Takahara, recording secretary; Yoichi Kato, Luke Tanabe, corresponding secretaries; George Shimo-Takahara, Kimi Takimoto, social convenors; Fred Sasaki, Peter Yamada, auditors.

Candlelight and Wine

by Diana

LUCK OF THE IRISH

When Irish eyes are smiling all the world seems bright and gay, but the world will be extra bright and gay on the Seventeenth for it's St. Patrick's Day—the day when the shamrock of Emerald Isle will [illegible] the world. The air will be filled with gay Irish wit at its sparkling best and infectious Irish laughter mingled with the lilting tune of an Irish jig. Are you planning an Irish party of some kind or other? If you are then delve into the colorful past of Ireland and you'll find your party just planning itself.

The beloved Erin of the Irishman has taken on a certain picturesque aspect for everyone through the songs and stories filled with references to the shamrock, the national emblem; the harp, the symbol of national glory; the beautiful isle studded lakes of Killarney; and the legends of St. Patrick.

Many are the stories that fill the memory of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, who as a lad of sixteen was taken captive by Irish raiders and sold to Irish Druids. But encouraged by visions he escaped to Gaul after serving six years as a swineherd. He returned to Ireland years later bringing the Christian teachings to the Druids. When St. Patrick died it is said there was no night for twelve days.

Legend also says that he worked miracles, the best known being that of forcing the snakes of Ireland to fling themselves into the sea. And it is because of St. Patrick that the Shamrock is especially cherished by the Irish. While preaching a sermon he plucked a leaf to illustrate the doctrine of the Trinity, the three in one.

THE BLARNEY STONE

There are other legends that shroud this verdant isle in a colorful haze. There is the story of Blarney Stone, a famous stone set in the outer wall of Blarney Castle twenty feet from the top, and so quite inaccessible to most people. According to legend the first owner of the castle delayed its surrender by flattering speeches. From this legend has come the custom of kissing Blarney Stone, a practice that is said to give one the power to persuade and win people through flattery and an agile tongue, or the gift of "blarney." Today many tourists risk the perilous ascent to the top of the castle in order to kiss the famous Blarney Stone.

With such colorful tales as a background any party will be a success. But, please, an Irish party just wouldn't be Irish without a Limerick or two. Here's a honey of a one that I picked up.

For beauty I am not a star,
There are others more handsome by far.
My face I don't mind it,
Because I'm behind it,
It's the people in front that I jar.

YOUR LEAP YEAR ETIQUETTE

Whenever you see a group of young people talking animatedly together these days, you'll know that the big topic under discussion is the Spring Frolic. Everybody is looking forward to it, but especially those who are going Leap Year style, for here's the opportunity to show the men those little things that he should know.

When you arrive at the dance there's the little matter of helping him with his coat and looking after his personal belongings. Keep your fingers crossed so that he won't remember that time when you loaded him down with your compact, rouge, lipstick, bag, hanky, and what have you.

First there's the matter of the boutonniere. Now, if he's the one and only, you might buy him a red, red rose, the symbol of this love. It would be especially appropriate if he's going to wear a purple tie. Remember how you felt when he gave you a pink corsage to wear on that bright red dress? Or if you are inclined more towards fun rather than sentiment a corsage of vegetables is just the thing. And he'll offer up an extra prayer of thanks to you for carrots to munch when he discovers that he's a wallflower.

Arm yourself with his favourite cigarettes and matches, so that you won't have to go around mooching them from your friends the way he always does.

Of course you'll go to call for him instead of meeting him on a street corner, and when you do just recall that time when he sat in the car and just honked the horn for you. You could though take a little pity on him and help him out of the car. But, oh, don't forget to tell him that he kept you waiting for hours.

AFTER THE BALL IS OVER

After the ball more than likely you'll discover that your escort being a hardy specimen of the male sex is just about famished. Take him out and treat him royally. If he looks startled at the things you order, you could put his mind and pocket book at ease, assuring him that he needn't pay a cent.

If you have the slightest intention of popping that fatal question this year, you'd better keep in the good graces of his parents, so I warn you, don't keep him out too late. And do be most considerate by seeing him right to his door. There may be a chance that he is locked out. He'll need your help in climbing through the window. Or you may have to soothe the temper of angry parents with contrite apologies for keeping Sonny Boy out so late.

Leap year only comes once in four, so make the most of it while it's here.

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TOWN TOPICS . . .

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[illegible] St. Patrick's day motif form [illegible] background, the Matrons [illegible] met at the home of Mrs. M. [illegible] on Thursday, March 14.

[illegible] the Badminton [illegible] the Hastings [illegible] this Friday, March [illegible] at 8 p.m. All members and [illegible] are welcome. Fee, 25c.

Fukuoka and Kumamoto Seinen [illegible] members are waiting impatiently [for] the joint party that is scheduled [to] take place at the Fuji this Sunday, March 17, at 5 p.m. No member [can] afford to miss this gala af[fair].

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KITSI. YMBA ACTIVE

Highlighting the many important topics under discussion at the meeting of the Kitsilano YMBA was the commemoration magazine to be published shortly.

Appointed to collect contributions to the Canadian War Fund [by] Seinenkai members were Takeo Torabe, Kazuo Shimizu, and Takeo Yoshida.

The Association voted to give [its] full support to the spring bazaar to be sponsored by the Fujinkai and the YWBA on Saturday and Sunday, March 30 and 31. Elections included Shotaro Fukuhara to replace Yoshio Nishimura as head of the drama department and Yoshio Terada as baseball manager. The usual raffle will be held to raise funds for sport activities.

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FIRST SPRING BAZAAR

News of the first spring bazaar comes from the Fairview Buddhists. At their meeting last Sunday, the Fairview Buddhist Fujinkai decided to join with the YWBA and the YMBA in their bazaar to be held at the Temple on Saturday and Sunday, March 23 and 24.

FAREWELL PARTIES

Feting Miss Fumiye Ohori who is sailing for the Orient on Friday, March 22, the Powell CGIT held a farewell supper at the Fuji on Wednesday, March 13.

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PALM SUNDAY SERVICE

"This Do In Remembrance," will be the topic of the Rev. K. Shimizu's sermon at Palm Sunday Service this Sunday evening March 17. The service will close with a farewell musical programme by Miss Ohori followed by a tea in her honour.

Succeeding Miss Ohori as choir leader will be Miss Margaret McDuffee. Choir practices will be held on Thursdays at 8 p.m.

AYPA "ECHO"

Seikokai members are especially busy these days in gathering last minute news and articles for their bi-monthly paper. The popular AYPA "Echo" is due to come off the press next week.

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NIPPON TENNISERS MEET

With Yoriki Iwasaki filling the important post of president, the Nippon Tennis Club are all set for a big season. Elected to support Mr. Iwasaki were Minoru Akiyama, vice-president; Yoshio Matsui; T. Takenaka, secretary-treasurer; K. Matsubayashi, Z. Kinoshita, J. Tanaka, I. Iwasaki, on the executive committee.

The general meeting held at the Taitiku last Sunday was followed by a farewell party at the New Pier Cafe in honour of Mr. Z. Kinoshita who is sailing for Japan on Friday, March 22.

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CALENDAR

MARCH

[illegible] Auditorium.

[illegible] YPS Play, [illegible] Japanese Hall.

17—East Vancouver Symphony Concert of the Season, Orpheum Theatre, 3 p.m.

[illegible]

22—JCCL Spring Frolic, Happyland, Doug Raymond's Orchestra, 75c men, 50c ladies.

22-24—Pacific Northwest Rissho Y.B.A. Conference, Nichiren Temple.

23-2[?]—2nd Annual B. C. Provincial Youth Congress, Normal School.

23—Youth Congress Ball, Hotel Georgia, 50c each.

23-24—Fairview Buddhist Fujinkai Bazaar, Fairview Buddhist Temple.

Extensive Program Arranged For N.W. Rissho Confab

An ambitious program has been drawn up by the Vancouver Rissho Seinenkai who will be acting as host to thirty-five delegates from Seattle and Portland in the first Northwest Rissho Seinen Conference to be held in this city.

The program is outlined as follows:

MARCH 22, FRIDAY

3:00 p.m.—Registration at the Church.
Convenors, Tose Watanabe, Misako Kusunoki.

3:30-5:00—Opening Service.
Chairman, Sumi Kobayashi.
Sermon, Rev. Fukuzawa.
Welcome Addresses, Rev. Fukuzawa, John Deshima.
Response, Portland, Seattle.

5:00-5:30—Tea and Introductions.

6:30—Welcome Supper at Maruman.
Chairman, Sumi Kobayashi.
Hostess, Irene Tsuchiya.

8:30—Table Tennis Tournament.
Teams competing: Vancouver, Seattle, Portland.
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SATURDAY, MARCH 23.

9:30-10:30—Morning Service.
Sermon, Rev. Arakawa, Portland.

10:30-12:00—Discussion Period.
A. Educational Viewpoint of Japanese Canadians.
Speaker, Mr. Aoki.
B. Japanese in the South Sea Islands.
Speaker, Rev. Fukuzawa.
C. My Opinion of What the Second Generation Should Be. Speaker, Tom Inaba, President Vancouver Rissho.

12:00-1:00—Lunch at Church.

1:00-1:30—Convention Picture.

1:30-2:30—Discussion Period.
D. Onna no Bushido.
Speaker, Mitsuye Inaba.

3:00-4:00—Business Meeting of the Officers.

6:00-7:00—Banquet at the Fuji.

8:30-12:00—Sports Mixer.

SUNDAY, MARCH 24.

9:00-10:30 a.m.—Service.
Sermon, Rev. Iijima, Seattle.

10:30-1:00—Tour of City.

1:00-2:30—Farewell Luncheon at New Pier Cafe.

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Around the Bridge Table

Part III: Biddable Trump Suits

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MINIMUM BIDDABLE SUITS

Requirements for a biddable suit are:

(1) At least FOUR cards headed by at least a Jack and one higher honor, for example:

Q J x x K Q x x
K J x x A Q x x
A J x x A K Q x etc.

(2) A FIVE card suit may be bid if it is headed by at least a Jack (preferably J 10):

J x x x x A x x x x
Q 10 x x x Q J x x x
K x x x x K Q x x x etc.

These suits should not be bid more than once unless partner supports them.

NOTE: No suit of less than four cards is biddable no matter how strong.

REBIDDABLE SUITS

Requirements: At least FIVE cards headed by the Ace and King or by any three honors:

A K x x x A K J x x
A Q 10 x x K Q 10 x x
A Q J x x Q J 10 x x
10 x x x x x (any six card suit headed by an honor)

These suits may be bid twice, whether partner raises or not.

STRONG REBIDDABLE SUITS

A K Q x x x K Q x x x x x
A K x x x x x Q J 10 x x x x
K Q J 9 x x A Q J 9 x x
Q x x x x x x x (any eight cards headed by an honor)

These suits may be bid three times without partner's support.

Next issue: Opening One-bids.

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NISEI NEWS FROM FAR FLUNG CORNERS IN B.C.

Langley Lyrics

By MARGARET TAKAOKA

TEACHER FETED

[illegible] Japanese Hall on March 2, students and parents [illegible] Mr. Kuda, the Japanese Language School teacher who has been relieved of his teaching duties by Mr. and Mrs. Kuda. Mr. Kiyoshi Kinoshita presided as chairman.

Kaz Kinoshita, on behalf of the students, and Mr. F. Takeda, chairman of the School Board, on behalf of the Parents' Association, extended votes of thanks to Mr. Kuda for his untiring efforts and in appreciation of his commendable service. Miss Akino Kinoshita presented him with a gift.

After the singing of "Hotaru no Hikari" and a speech by the honoured guest, the hour was 12:00 noon. A light luncheon was then served by the girl students.

At 2 o'clock, newcomers, Mr. and Mrs. Kuda were introduced by Mr. K. K. Kinoshita. Business matters were then discussed by members of the Parents' Association.

Surrey Girls' Club

The Surrey Japanese Girls' Club held their regular meeting March 2, at the home of Miss Pollie Uliye commencing at 2:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the vice-president, Miss Uliye occupying the chair.

Donations Acknowledged.

The Girls' Club acknowledged donations from the following: $5 by Mrs. Carbutt for the acts of kindness and appreciation extended to her during her residence in Surrey; $5 by Mr. K. Ito, as an appreciation of the kindness the club has shown to his wife who has given birth to a baby girl; $2 by Ken Sunada, $2 by Mrs. Nakano (nee Mary Yamasaki) and $1 by Mr. Z. Inouye.

After the meeting was adjourned, Miss Uliye brought out a gift which Mrs. Carbutt has left as a remembrance to each member. The girls are very grateful to Mrs. Carbutt and wish to extend their many thanks.

Tea was served then by the hostess.

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Best Wishes To:

Mrs. K. Matsukabo arrived home on March 1 with her infant son, Toru. Congratulations to the proud parents.

We wish the popular young Nisei, Mike Tateishi, of Lake Cowichan the best of luck in his venture in the logging industry. He will have in use at his logging operations one 175 Skagit gas-donkey. The logs will be hauled by truck to the foot of the lake where they will be dumped at the V. L. & M. dumping grounds.

Judo Jottings.

On March 24, the Duncan judoists will journey to Chemainus for a judo tournament which will be held there. Among the Duncan members will be one young East Indian lad, Harbans Singh. Remember fellows that Confucius says, "One must try hard to obtain results." So how about bringing home a cup?

Mum's the Word.

We hope that the four who journeyed to Nanaimo Saturday evening enjoyed good skating at the Roller Rink.

Now that I see my time is up I will sign off. So until the same hour, same station, sometime in the near future I'll say Aloha all.

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HOME ON THE RANGE.

Prior to March 1 much territory adjacent to lakes within a ten-mile radius was traversed by your reporter with Hiroshi Adachi and we discovered newer shortcuts and compass bearings which will be utilized in the forthcoming trout fishing spree. After two hours of heavy labour, the fishermen to be built a raft which now floats upon Crane Lake.

"REEL MUSIC."

Rather than while away a day with the girls (?), we hiked eight miles on dreary March 3 to the Morton Lake inflow.

Here our efforts appeared foolhardy more so for the southeaster whipped the surface of Adam's Ale into white caps. Suddenly the rod doubled, the reel whined and we were rewarded with 14-inch whoppers, all real fights.

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Sorry, girls, but we intended to take you to the dance scheduled March 9, in Bloedel's spacious Hall.

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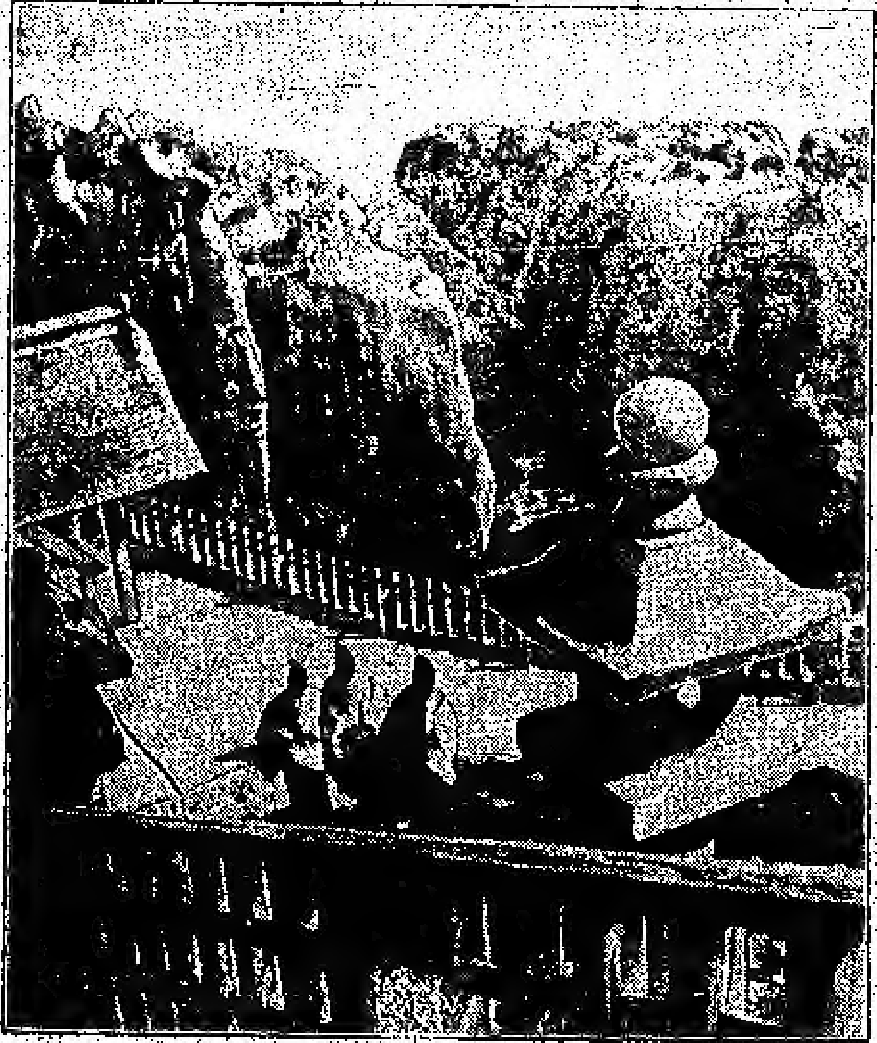

Located near the point from which Jimmu Tenno, first emperor of Japan, set out to unify the scattered clans of Nippon into a nation, the picturesque Udo Shrine on the island of Kyushu, shown above, today, along with more than 100,000 other Shinto shrines, is the scene of ceremonies commemorating the 2600th anniversary of the empire's founding. Every city and village in Japan also is staging festivals and year-long celebrations to mark the year. Highlight of the nation-wide ceremonies will be reached November 10, when all of Japan celebrates the anniversary of the enthronement of Emperor Hirohito, the present ruler.

Scanning Sunbury Secrets

By SEER.

CREDIT UNIONS.

So, Sunbury fishermen are studying a method of improving their economic conditions . . . the feasibility of some sort of credit union . . . Old Seer was eavesdropping on a conversation among a few prominent Nisei and heard one volcanic member saying, "This present economic system must go. Our political system is but an instrument of economic forces. We've had enough of this profit system with its fantastic injustice, insecurity, depression, unemployment, discrimination, and now war. True economic democracy must come before true political democracy and economic justice must precede social justice."

"Well," said another, "How can we improve the economic ills—our present business set-up?"

"Since government measures and regulations have hopelessly failed to protect us, the masses of the people, against exploitation from the capitalistic few, we must control our own economic destiny through cooperative organizations such as credit unions and credit co-operatives. Such agencies give to the people themselves the ownership and management of the great economic enterprises that serve them. Also they create a friendly and helpful place to invest and borrow money and at the same time protect ourselves from high credit or time prices for our goods, from quack advertising, monopolies, etc. Yes sir, perhaps, Lincoln, himself would put it, 'the cooperative movement is of the people, by the people, and for the people.'"

"Well," broke in another, "We nominate you our next premier."

CANNERY CLOSED.

St. Mungo's Cannery of the Nelson Bros. Packing Co. has finally closed down after two continuous months of herring canning. Many Niseis of the feminine sex from Steveston, New Westminster and thereabouts have packed up and left for their homes.

PEAT FACTORY WORKING.

The Peat Factory, located at the western end of Sunbury and about a mile out into the bog from the main road, has started work again after a few months of delay in obtaining machinery.

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Mission Miscellany

The Mission [illegible] Japanese Canadian [illegible] League and the Japanese [illegible] kai have amalgamated [illegible] group under the name of Mission Young Men's Association, a result of a recent meeting.

Heading the newly organized group is Chikao Kanisaki, president, supported by executive members, Masuo Hayashi, vice-president; Tadashi Sato, Japanese secretary; Masuo Hatanaka, English secretary; and Masao Fukami, treasurer.

The amalgamation of the two groups does not mean that the JCCL Chapter in Mission is dissolved, but in fact has been strengthened for the new association will carry on the work of the chapter.

Capital City Chatter

By Joni Gossipel

Red Cross Work.

Working most of their spare time the local JCCL chapter girls who have turned in knitted articles to the Red Cross are: Scarves by Yaeko Henmi and Toshiko Hasegawa; mitts by Fumiko Kondo, Mikiko Yamamoto and Yukie Ioi; socks by Sumie Onishi, Kikue Kawahara, Fumiko Shimizu and Tokiko [illegible]; pullover by Aiko Kondo, Eiko Henmi and Michiko Okamoto and whistlets by Haruko Okamoto and Marion Yoneda.

Miss Eiko Henmi entertained her many friends at a delightful social and dance just prior to leaving for Vancouver.

Convalescing.

We are glad to report that **Ayako "Betty" Hasegawa (she has been confined in St. Joseph's Hospital since last November), is looking quite well and although she still has her leg in a cast, she expects to be home any day now.**

Ex-Victorian **Frank Otake** dashed down from Port Alberni and spent a few days in town last week-end.

Victoria Vagaries.

Our friend **Frank** made a mad but futile dash to the wharf last Sunday to see a certain party off to Vancouver and upon finding that the boat had already sailed was heard to remark, "Doggone it, she must have sailed on time today."

Aha, cashing in on [illegible] eh, **Killer?** Who was the [illegible] that certain Friday night? [illegible] the party the other night [illegible] on bumping into a certain couple in the hallway without finding out who they were—a romance in the bud, maybe? My, my [illegible] rumoured that they [illegible] star-gazing . . . On to [illegible] other nick-names [illegible] friend of ours has been [illegible] "Soapy." The reason [illegible] caught eating [illegible] . . . Just a little [illegible] hemitians [illegible] for "H. K." on [illegible] doing [illegible]

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Message To Our Candidates:

M.R.A. Spirit Eliminates Prejudice

Probably one of the gravest handicaps under which many a Nisei [illegible] is a mental state of indecision and a philosophy of defeatism. These things have been induced in the Nisei mind, because the obstacles which he faces and which so often seem insuperable are so easily attributed to race and racial discrimination. And for those in this state of mind, the political affairs of the country probably have but little interest, for it is in this particular area that unjust discrimination has been most irritating and most flagrant.

But for the many who escape this attitude, exclusion from active participation in the country's politics actually has made them better qualified to act as citizens. Our own experience with the vicious effects of prejudice, of alarming charges, of exaggeration and wilful falsehood, has created in all of us a desire for the spirit of tolerance and truth, a desire to uphold basic democratic principles in the general interest, rather than the sacrifice of truth and justice for the benefit of the few.

Let's assume that we could participate in this election, and though the assumption may be far-fetched at present, it surely lies in the future. What attitude would we adopt toward the candidates?

The Moral Re-armament Movement's "Message to Our Candidates" seems to fit the situation admirably. This "message" is being circulated throughout Canada for signatures, even among the Nisei and will then be presented to the candidates nominated in the Federal election. This interesting document reads:

Message to Candidates

An election is a great heritage of democracy. This election, especially, gives us all a chance to serve Canada. Our country must emerge from the campaign stronger and more united, better able to succeed in our task ahead.

It is the duty of every Canadian to put into the campaign a spirit free from prejudice and thought of personal gain.

We must keep alive the spirit we all felt during the visit of our King and Queen.

We therefore determine/

1. To use every opportunity to create the right spirit throughout the campaign, without destructive and irresponsible criticism.

2. To help our candidates put national interest ahead of political expediency and personal advantage, without resort to patronage or other abuses.

3. To practise ourselves, in our homes and at our work, those same principles which we expect our candidates to practise.

4. To work for a leadership of men who base their public policies and personal lives on honesty and faith in God.

We believe that we are among thousands ready to support the men who put into action those moral and spiritual convictions which are essential for Canada's strength.

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With the approach of spring, once more the Youth Hostel movement is sending out its call to boys and girls, men and women who wish to get away from the noise and grime of the city and spend a peaceful and leisurely weekend hiking, swimming, fishing, etc., in the country.

According to the recently issued edition of the Youth Hostel booklet, the "Rucksack," two new hostels on Vancouver Island have been added to the ever-growing list of hostels which provide accommodation to adventure-minded folks, the "Harbour Hostel" at Sooke and the "Village Hostel" at Shawnigan Lake, both not farther than twenty miles from Victoria.

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The cost of hostelling is trifling when you think of the fun you're going to have. To be a member you pay a fee of $1.00 if you are under 21 and $2.00 if over 21. Twenty-five cents will provide you a night's shelter at any of the hostels. You cook your own meals (Cooking utensils are supplied). A word for the cyclists: bicycles are carried free on all trains, boats and ferries for Youth Hostellers.

For further information phone or write Ian Elsenhardt, B.C. Region, Canadian Youth Hostel, 604 Hall Building, Vancouver, B.C. (TRinity 3467) or The New Canadian.

So get that hiking bag out of storage, overhaul that bike, or rent one and take a couple of days off over the Easter holidays for Youth Hostelling!

Save Your Vision:

Care Needed For Good Eyesight

By HAJIME SUZUKI

Of all our senses, that of sight is probably the most precious and most useful. Through it we get eighty per cent of all our knowledge, which means without it we miss four-fifths of the pleasures and good things of life.

But competent observers have noted with increasing concern the high proportion of Niseis, especially young children and students, who, for various reasons are troubled with poor vision. For this reason, the Japanese public is urged to pay particular attention to the national "Save Your Vision" week, the special campaign now being backed by optometrists to make people "vision-conscious."

To see clearly the organ of vision, the eye, must be in perfect health and free from any anatomical defects, the chief of which are hyperopia or far-sightedness, myopia or near-sightedness and astigmatism or blurred vision. Second, and just as important is Light. Without light there is no sight, but poor light is equally as bad. Granted the individual can see, but under such adverse conditions, sooner or later the penalty will have to be paid.

Good Light.

Good light is one of the most important factors in the hygienic care of the eyes. Good light means not strong light, but light well-directed, properly shaded, and of proper intensity. If you are in doubt about it call up the B.C. Electric and they will gladly send a man to check up your light with scientific instruments, gratis. This will rid the object of "glary" effects and give an even distribution of light over the matter perceived, giving comfortable, easy vision.

A healthy corrected eye, under ideal conditions such as this, should be able to work for hours at a stretch without any ill effects.

Tra-a-ack!

Fuji Skiers Confident Of Bringing Trophy Back From Jaunt To Rainier

At last! At last! Snow—beautiful, powdery, feathery flying snow and the cup's as good as ours! Such is the refrain from the Fuji plank artists who trek en masse Easter Week-end to Seattle and Mount Rainier for the annual international tournament with the Rokka Ski Club. With the veteran Bus Ohori at the helm, the locals have decided that with exchange rates the way they are, it would be an unforgivable crime to carry the beautiful Nishihama Challenge Trophy south, and leave it there on Washington's Big Hill.

Chairman of the trip committee, Tuck Shimizu (catch him at SEymour 0720), gives a solemn warning that all club members planning to go must reserve transportation immediately, and pay a deposit of $5.00 in advance, for the complete trip to Rainier and back. "No dough, No go!" is the committee's edict.

Depending upon weather conditions, the team of six to compete in the combined downhill and slalom events will be chosen from Captain Bus Ohori, Otto Matsui, Tom Hatanaka, Frank Hatanaka, Tom Ozaki, Jeep Inamoto, Shoji Hamagami, Bob Yasui, Tuck Shimizu and Sam Hagino.

The outstanding individual performer this year will receive the Toda Memorial Cup for the average highest marks.

FUJI CALENDAR

May 23 the Club will wind-up the season with a glamorous dance at the beautiful White Rose Ballroom on Broadway, with one of the city's best orchestras to supply the melody. A meeting of the entire executive will be held April 2 at Bus Ohori's home to make plans for the dance, a raffle, and to set up a badge committee for awards to club members.

April 26 is the date set for the annual meeting, in charge of Koji Higashiyama, who promises a very ritzy affair.

Victoria JCCL Meets Cage Ups and Down

VICTORIA, B.C.—Trailing on the short end of a 20-19 score at the breather, the JCCL basketballers staged a desperate last half rally to come through with a fine 36-26 victory over the youthful Beavers.

"H. E." Kondo ran wild for the winners with 21 points, while Terry Uyede and Hide Ioi were top-scorers for the Beavers team with 8 points apiece.

In the week's second game, "H. E." Kondo went out early the second half via the "personal" route, and the JCCL quintet failed to hit their usual last-half stride and lost to the league-leading Taiyo outfit by an overwhelming score of 36-14. The score at half-time was 14-8 for the Taiyos.

JCCL—H. Hawasoe 2, J. Shimizu 6, Sty Ioi 2, E. Kondo 21, G. Kuwata 2, S. Okamoto. Total 33.

Beavers—T. Uyede 8, Stum Shimizu 1, Tak Kuwabara, K. Kuwabara, H. Ioi 8, G. Uyede 6, P. Hasegawa. Total 26.

Second game:

Taiyos—Thomas Kuwabara 15, M. Kuwabara 8, S. Kuwata 3, Munco Kuwasoe 3, Mitsuo Kuwasoe 1, Stum Okamoto 2, G. Hasegawa 1. Total 36.

JCCL—E. Kondo 1, H. Kawasoe 3, M. Okamoto 1, Sty Ioi, G. Kuwata, J. Hemmi 1, J. Shimizu 5. Total 14.

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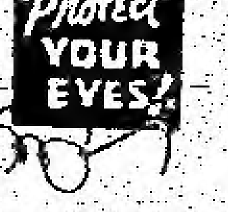

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ASHIKAWA, NIKAIDO SCUTTLE M. & N. AS MAIKAWAS WIN SENIOR CAGE CROWN

Take Second Straight In Finals, 47-33

It's bad enough keeping up with one sharpshooter, but when a team has two players scoring in the double numbers, well it's too much for any one person. George Suzuki, M. & N.'s melon marvel tried singled-handed to keep par with Maikawa's, matching Ashikawa and Nikaido basket for basket. But in the fateful last stanza the department store boys turned on the pressure with an uncanny display of sniping and jumped ahead to a 47-33 victory to cop the championship of the Japanese Basketball League in two straight.

The losers weren't completely outplayed, but they were outhustled and outchecked. Several times they could have jumped into the lead, but they just couldn't slice in that crucial basket. Maikawa, quick to size up the situation stepped up the pace with Ashikawa and Nikaido knifing in for valuable points.

M. and N. deuced the game at 31-31 in the third quarter, but in the tragic last quarter, their bulwark defence crumbled completely. You can't take away from Michi's boys the sheer power which they released in the last period. They unleashed a beautifully co-ordinated attack which broke the hearts of the fighting M. and N. squad. The score sheet tells that tragic story. The "M" outfit rolled up 16 points while Mr. Noso's boys were collecting exactly 2.

As far as the M and N bunch is concerned, George Suzuki with 19 points was the only player consistently outstanding, while for Maikawa, smoothies Shig Ashikawa and Harry Nikaido with 19 and 14 combined in the sweetest exhibition of expert ball-handling and accurate sniping that pulled the champs out of the rut in the last quarter.

Maikawa—Oruzuka, Mitsui 3, Ashikawa 19, Nikaido 14, Maruno 4, Uno 1, Ishida 6—47.

M & N—Ide 1, Wakabayashi, Inamoto, Suzuki 19, Hirano 1, Tanaka 3, Nobuoka 3, Fujioka—33.

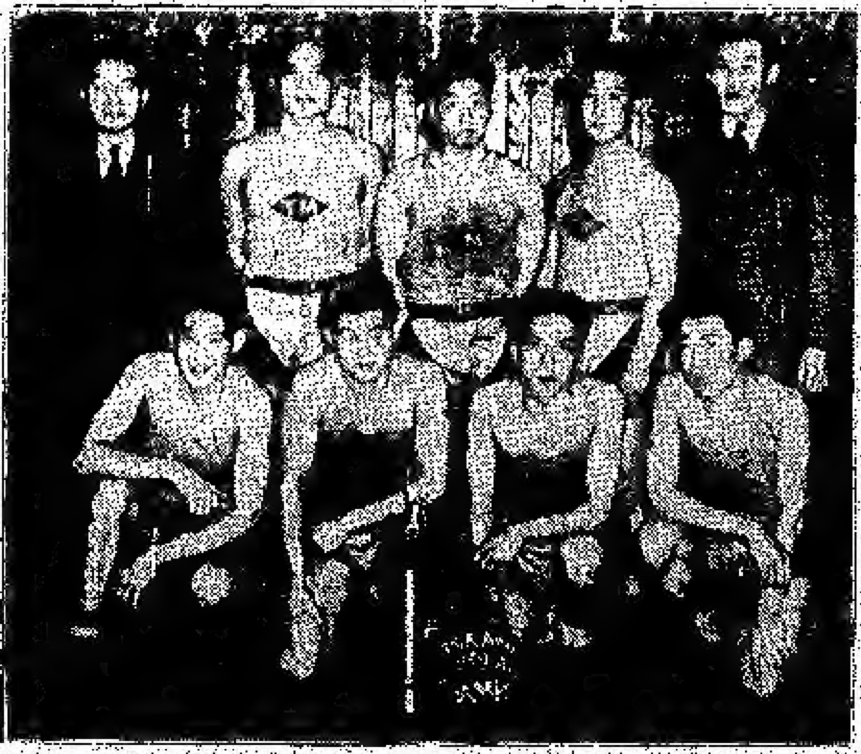

Photo by Jo Seko.

Driving their way to the semi-final playoff spot with an unbroken last-half seven-game win streak, Maikawas proved themselves championcalibre as they mowed down the league-leading M. and N. cagers in two straight games to capture the Kagetsu silverware.

From left to right, standing are sponsor T. Maikawa; Koei Mitsui, looking very pleased; a tired Mike Maruno and Shig Oruzuka; and manager Michi Ashikawa, doing his best to look serious. In front, newcomer Yosh Ishida, import from the Island; starry Shige Ashikawa closes his eyes for a long rest; Yuki Uno succeeds in looking serious, but Harry Nikaido can't suppress a grin. Well, why should you, champ?

Four Squads Vie For Ishii Cup In Sunday Ball Loop

For a long while, Lil' Tokio's baseball fan-atics and staunch supporters have been on edge worried by the rumours that the Japanese Baseball League organized some eight years ago was going to fold up this year. But they can rest assured now for the upshot of the meeting of the representatives from the various teams was that four clubs, namely Hammond, Union Fish, Giants and Asahi Niguris will be battling it out for the Ko Ishii Cup.

Due to their inability to draw in players from outside their community to strengthen their team, the delegates from the Mikado ball team officially withdrew from the Sunday league and will sponsor a junior team to enter a proposed inter-city league. According to Hiroshi Nishi, Steveston Fujis have also definitely withdrawn from the league.

The officials of the Japanese League for this year remains the same as last year with Roy Yamamura as president; Yoshi Uno as vice-president; "Rosie" Okuda as treasurer, and Don Sugiman as secretary, and the rest of the executives made up of team managers.

With the first league game scheduled to be played on Sunday April 14 all team managers are requested to have their $5.00 entry fee and also a complete list of their players ready to be handed in at the next meeting on March 31.

PING PONG FINALS DUE

By virtue of their win over GYK, the Mikado tablers will meet first-place Hompa team at the Japanese School. These two teams have been finalists in the senior division since the organizing of the league, and this year the Mikado team are out to win.

In the junior division the Tairiku will meet Fairview in the semi-finals at the Hompa Kaikan.

Diamond Dust—

Asahis Grooming For Burrard Battle

Oh, oh, we're going to have some fun in the Burrard League this season. That is, if rumours that Bob Brown will not continue his Senior A League this year are true. The folding-up of the 6th Avenue league will mean a wholesale migration of the senior leaguers into the Powell Street circuit. Buckling down to serious practice to regain the pennant for the third consecutive season, the Asahis will have their first workout this Sunday to loosen up the old soup-bone.

Every year at the beginning of the season, old familiar faces disappear from the regular lineup, making room for more energetic young players. Last year they found a gold nugget in Koei Mitsui, the slugging catcher from Fairview and Tommy Sawayama from Hammond who chucked some dandy games. This season more newcomers are expected to appear.

Ken Kutsukake, popular Giant catcher will try out for the backstop berth, vacated by Mousie Masuda who has an ailing arm. Kenny, one of the best catchers in the Sunday League, is no newcomer to the Asahi lineup, having "snagged" a few games during the heydays when the Nipponese were pulling in the crowds at Con Jones Park.

George Yoshioaka, youthful rawhide chucker from the Mikado ball team, will be under the wing of veteran Nag Nishihara. He's likely to see some action as pitcher under the Asahi colors.

Nobby Tanaka, the hustling Union Fish shortstop, will also be groomed for the infield position by Manager Roy Yamamura.

Mixed Doubles In Shuttle Tourney Draw Huge Entry

From far and wide birdmen flocked in droves to the Strathcona Gym to test their skill. For two days they have been smashing the shuttle in the grand mixed double tourney, but the entry has been so large that there are still seven teams in the running with the seeded favorites coming through like real champs.

SEEDED FINALISTS

In the A division, the finalists in the top bracket has been settled as Lucy Koyanagi and Shig Okumura. They are anxiously waiting to take on the winners of the Deshima-Matsui vs. Saegusa-Tanaka fracas.

In the lower bracket Mary Saegusa and Johnny Tanaka fought their way into the semis by taking Mi Akiyama and Mary Nishikawara in two sets, 15-9, 18-16. Heavy favorites Mat Matsui-Fumi Deshima were way off their usual game and were given stiff battle by Hide Hyodo and Dave Arikado.

In the B division the finalists will be between the victors of the Okkata-Kameda vs. Takahashi-Kobayashi and Ide-Shimizu vs. Mizizawa-Toyota tussles.

Marpole Men Maul Steveston To Take Tairiku Cage Trophy

Saburo Miike, who stands barely five feet in his sox, is nicknamed, appropriately enough, "Sub." Last Wednesday he supplied the deadly torpedo-like blow that scuttled the hustling Stevestonites' hopes for the junior cage crown into Davy Jones' locker. He netted a slew of baskets to lead the champion Marpole quintet to a convincing 45-13 victory over the fisher lads and to the Tairiku Junior Cage Trophy for their second straight year. The champs won the first game of the best-of-three series 53-11 last Saturday.

The Steveston lads were in there trying from start to finish but had no weapon to reply to the repeated barrage of baskets the Marpolites let loose, let alone keeping tab on elusive "Sub" who slipped through the Steveston defence at will to demoralize the opposition.

Yosh Fujioka executed one of the prettiest shots seen in a long while when he pushed in a basket from a tip-off ten feet away from the Steveston hemp.

Steveston—Naruse 10, Mori 2, Matsuba 4, Ichino 9, Kishiuchi 2, Mukai 4—Total 31.

Marpole—Fukumoto 8, S. Miike 20, Fujioka 6, Ito, J. Miike 5, Nakagawa 6—Total 45.

Score by Periods—

Steveston	8	5	6	11	—31
Marpole	7	12	8	18	—45

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